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INTRODUCTION

THE PURPOSE of this booklet is to supply our Board members and all others interested in the work, with complete and up-to-date information concerning our Christian Reformed Mission field in China. The articles containing this information were all prepared by our workers while the maps accompanying them were brought up to date by our friend David Lam, the well known Grand Rapids artist, whom we thank very much for his labors of love.

As well known, our China work was started in 1920 when our first band of workers was sent out: Dr. L. S. Huiyenga and the Revs. J. C. De Korne and H. A. Dykstra, and their families. In November, 1922, they settled in the city of Jukao, still our center, with Tsingkiang, the second main station, opened in August, 1932, by the Rev. A. H. Selles.

As is also well known, the Christian Reformed Church also carries on considerable work among the Navaho and Zuni Indians of our Southwest, home mission work in the United States and in Canada, while in South America the Rev. B. Bruxvoort is our representative. Nor should we forget our Jewish Mission work in Paterson and Chicago, and city mission work in many a place.

The objective of this work is the glory of our Lord, the coming of his Kingdom, abroad and at home, and the gathering in of the Lord's own, and that in the way of obedience to the Great Commission. May all who read this offer for this work their prayers, and their sons and daughters. And since just now the economic situation is serious and critical, may the Lord's stewards not fail to be up and doing in a financial way.

By order of the Christian Reformed Board of Missions,
HENRY BEETS, Secretary
737 Madison Avenue, SE., Grand Rapids, Mich.

P. S.—We suggest to our readers first of all to study the large map in the middle of this booklet, then the one on page 20, and finally that of Jukao City on page 4.

Description of Field Assigned to the Rev. John C. De Korne

JUKAO City (pronounced as Ru-gau) includes the walled city and surrounding area within three miles of the city. Total population of this area: 178,870. Equipment: one small chapel near North Gate; seating capacity, 70; evangelist's residence in the rear. Residence for second evangelist near the center of city. Helpers: two native evangelists; one is a high school and seminary graduate; the other is a college graduate. Kinds of work: Sunday morning service of worship, average attendance, 70; Bible classes in chapel twice a week, and weekly classes in three shops, one police station, two soldiers' barracks, one evangelist's home. Family worship is conducted in the homes of Christians and inquirers as opportunity offers, the number of such weekly services running from three to twelve. Christian propaganda articles are placed in six numbers of a local daily paper every week, which brings the gospel into a thousand homes six times a week. Special evangelistic services lasting a week each are held as opportunity offers—two such series have been held this year, one in the chapel, one in Rev. H. A. Dykstra's tent. Bulletin board messages are displayed daily in front of the chapel on the North Gate street. Regular visiting of the inquirers in their homes, each of the three of us averaging two calls every day.

I teach English to more than a hundred boys in the Jukao high school each week, and use the con-

tacts thus made to get them to attend a Bible class on Sunday morning and an afternoon study and discussion class in my home. Fellowship with the teachers



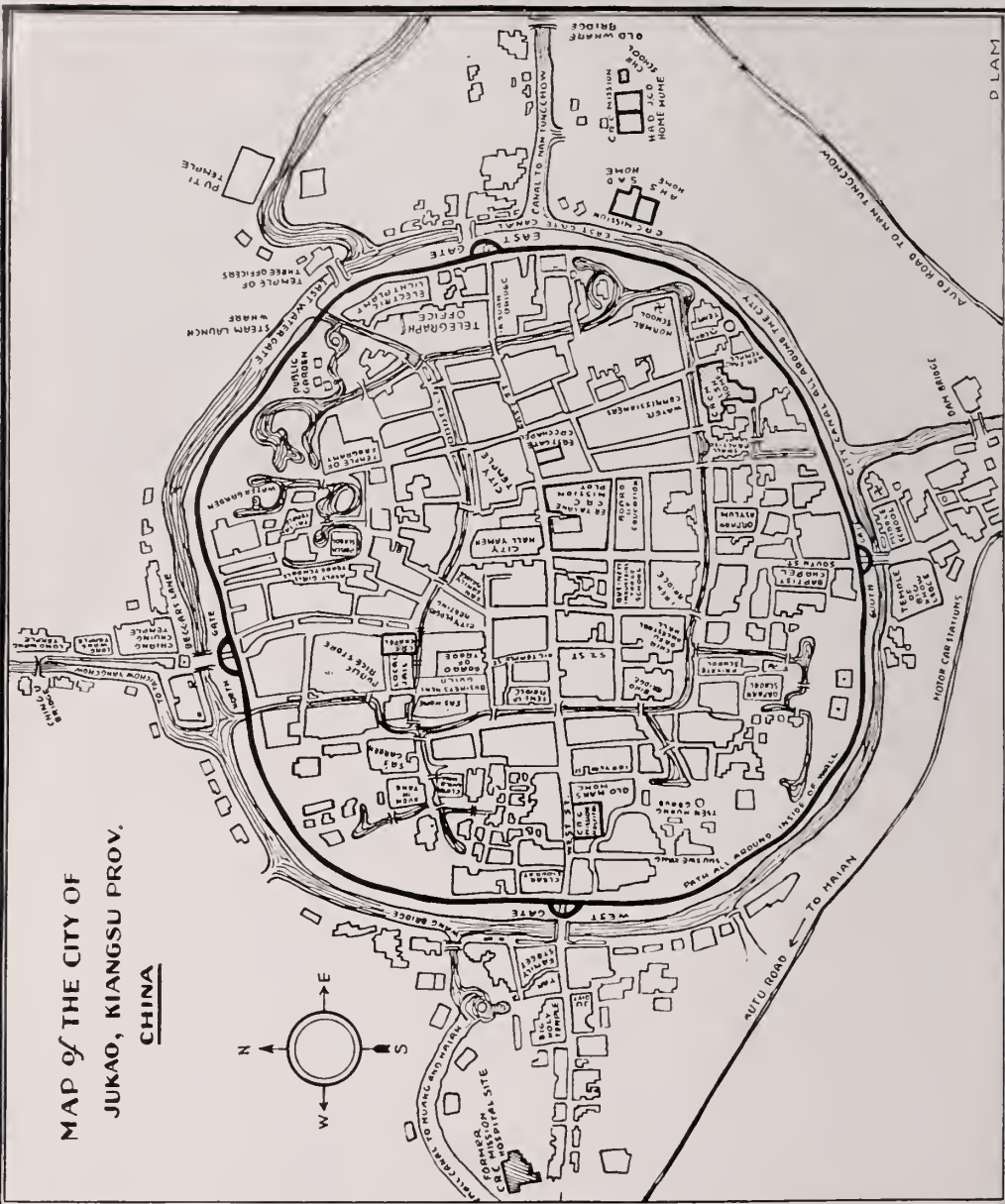
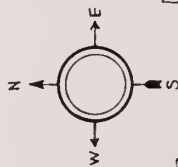
Rev. J. C. De Korne

also enables me to meet educational leaders and government officials. During 1932 five adults and five infants were baptized in Jukao City. Not one man was baptized in Jukao City this year. There are about a dozen young men who, as far as their knowledge of the truth is concerned, might have been received as members of the Church. They all confess an experience of saving grace in their hearts. But their occupations are such that it is difficult for them to observe the Sabbath and to attend regularly upon divine services. We have failed to note on their part sufficient courage in the overcoming of those difficulties to warrant us in baptizing them.

At times, when we think of how imperfect all Christians are, we are tempted to let down the bars and baptize them, trusting to the influence of the sacraments as means

MAP OF THE CITY OF JUKAO, KIANGSU PROV.

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Tingyen Group of Believers and Inquirers

of grace to strengthen their faith and courage. Yet, a decade of experience working with Chinese has taught me that a clear confession of faith is not always a proof of a real faith in the heart, and it seems a safer procedure to accept the words of the mouth only in those cases where the life shows a real change.

There is one other mission working in Jukao City, the Southern Baptist Mission. They have one small chapel at the south gate, with a Chinese evangelist in charge. In all, they have baptized between forty and fifty people in Jukao.

II. Tingyen. The market town of Tingyen is ten English miles from Jukao City. The subdistrict of Tingyen has a population of 37,749. Equipment: one small room used as

a chapel; seating capacity, forty. Evangelist's residence in the rear. Rented for an indefinite period, with a deposit of \$50 and a monthly rental of \$3. Mr. Ch'en Jung-san is the evangelist stationed there. A man without any school training, but naturally a gifted speaker; he is now taking the correspondence course of the Nanking Theological Seminary.

Kinds of work:

1. Sunday morning service of worship; average attendance, 7.

2. Sunday school; average attendance, 7. One of the pupils recited the entire second chapter of Acts, and another a long selection from one of the Epistles.

3. Regular visiting in the homes of the Christians and inquirers; this is the strong point of the Tingyen

work; family worship is usually conducted in such homes by the evangelist or missionary when they call, and by the heads of the family in some cases.

4. Evangelistic services when one of us from Jukao can go there to help with them; two such series were conducted this year.

Results and outlook: No baptisms in Tingyen this year. Tingyen was for years my most encouraging piece of work. From 1927 to 1931 I baptized seventeen adults and five infants there. Of the seventeen adults, eight are still living in the area, one died, five moved to Shuangtien and are still live members of the group there, and two have moved away to places beyond our reach. Of the eight, one is under discipline, and one, because of family complications, can attend services but seldom; the others all attend faithfully. But we have gotten no new blood there recently.

No other mission is working in the Tingyen area.

III. Shuangtien. This market town is seven miles east of Tingyen, thus seventeen English miles from Jukao City. The subdistrict of Shuangtien has a population of 85,221. Equipment: one small room used as a chapel, for which the local Christians have this year paid part of the rent. Evangelist's residence in the rear. Deposit money, \$950. Monthly rental, \$2. Lease expires 1940. Mr. Ts'ao Tzu-chen is the evangelist stationed there. High school and seminary graduate; was ordained as pastor while working in the Northern Presbyterian field in Shantung. A very able man who has passed

through many valleys of sorrow resulting in considerable loss of initiative but a corresponding gain in patience and sympathy.

Kinds of work:

1. Sunday morning service of worship, average attendance, 22. Sunday school, average attendance, 30.

2. Each evening of the week, Mr. Ts'ao conducts family worship in the home of one of the Christians.

3. To the extent that his wife's health permits, Mr. Ts'ao makes country trips; this part of the work has not developed much.

4. Evangelistic services for periods of a week at a time are conducted as opportunity offers. One such series was held this past year.

5. A small stock of Christian books is used as a circulating library; the evangelist delivers and collects them and uses the opportunity for personal work.

6. A monthly meeting of the Shuangtien and Tingyen groups combined has asked Mr. Ts'ao to lecture at each meeting on church history and church government, which he does to good effect.

Results and outlook: In 1930 and 1931 four adults and one infant were baptized in Shuangtien. In 1932 four adults were baptized, and the two children of Mr. Ts'ao made confession of faith. There are several promising inquirers there; one was accepted for baptism on Christmas Day, but she preferred to wait until her husband could be baptized with her.

There are no other missions working in the Shuangtien area.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DE KORNE

Dr. Lee S. Huizenga's Work and Program



Dr. Lee S. Huizenga

FIELD OF service: The Christian Reformed Church Mission Hospital, a small, twenty-bed hospital, serves people from all over the county of Jukao. About two thirds of our patients come from the country and the remaining one third from the city. Male and female patients are about equal in number.

Kind of work: We try to do all kinds of medical and surgical work as far as our limited staff permits. At the morning clinic we now see about thirty patients a day and we are always having a few inpatients. At present the Chinese hospital staff consists of Dr. Tsuei, house physician; Miss Liu, business manager; Miss Tsang, nurse; Miss Lee, drug student; Miss Wang, nurse; Mr. Mao, drug clerk; five servants, one laundryman, one cook and his helpers.

Description of hospital: The hospital is a Chinese building of twenty-

three rooms and is mission property except for the kitchen, which we have rented for ten years, the lease of which expires next year and cannot be renewed. This will demand the rental of other neighboring property or the reconstruction of present buildings, since we have no other available space for building.

Evangelistic work and fruit: Like every other hospital of our kind, we have tried to minister to the sick. Converts are hard to calculate in medical work. When the staff is complete, we hope to carry on regular evangelistic work as we did heretofore. For this work please see the annual reports of those years, issued in printed form at the end of each year.

Medical program for the future: The medical program recommended for the future includes regular clinic and hospital service and also outstation clinic work. This has not yet been tried out for lack of sufficient help.

Other medical agencies in town: Besides our little hospital there are scores of both Chinese and western trained men practising medicine. There are also several small hospitals and one city hospital, all of which are unable at present to do major operative work.

Present annual expense: Our present annual expense is about \$10,000 Mexican, of which \$3,000 Mexican comes from home and the rest from

the patients. In 1927 we were slowly on becoming self-supporting. At present I am afraid this allowance from home will not be enough, since drugs have greatly increased in price and the salaries of professional men have gone up, and for these two purposes especially was the money from home used. Although \$1,000 in gold has been received for new equipment, our present equipment is still exceedingly limited. Many surgical instruments are still needed, as well as laboratory supplies, sterilizers and general hospital supplies. The \$1,000 gold has been practically all used for drugs and for the most essential surgical instru-

ments. All the drugs had to be replaced.

Besides this the need for more room for the future will have to be considered. In 1927 we had besides the present property rented quarters for two evangelists, one colporteur and four servants, and also the Er-ya-Hang property for our laundry and future developments. At present we have made arrangements whereby the laundryman makes use of his own property. Our present hospital force is housed in the hospital with the exception of the doctor, for whom we have rented a home at \$10 rent a month with a deposit of \$300.

LEE S. HUIZENGA



Miss Ruby Liu and Converts

Miss Kalsbeek's Field and Work

FIELD: Jukao City and districts outside of east and north gates. Occasional visits to Rev. De Korne's field, Tingyen and Shuangtien, and surrounding country and villages (described in Rev. De Korne's report).

Rev. Smit's field, Haian, fourteen miles north of Jukao City; Shichuang, twenty miles to the south; Mot'ou, ten miles south; Tungch'en, six miles southeast.

Buildings used: In Jukao City most of our meetings and classes and one of our Sunday schools are held in our home on the Er Ya Lane plot in the heart of the city. Our home there is connected with a building formerly used as a Christian school. We also use Rev. De Korne's north gate chapel for one of our Sunday schools, and De Korne's yard for one of our week-day groups. All our other Sunday schools (three of them) and two other regular week-day groups meet in the doorways or court-yards of Chinese friends. We also have smaller meetings in Chinese homes whenever possible. In the outstations we use available chapels occasionally, but usually have meetings in the homes of the Christians or other friends.

Helpers: Miss Ruby Liu, full time; Miss Swen, part time; Miss Chang, part time; four volunteer workers, part time; several volunteer workers, occasional help.



Miss Wilhemina Kalsbeek

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no
more.

For Him shall endless prayer be
made,
And praises throng to crown His
head;
His name like sweet perfume shall
rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Field and Work of Rev. H. A. Dykstra

PLACE AND field: My work is centered in Pai P'u which is twenty English (American) miles from Jukao on the boundary line between Jukao and Tungchow districts. The township of which Pai P'u is the center is said to have a population in the neighborhood of 85,000. From Pai P'u as a center we swing in a circle on a radius of ten American miles. That circle takes in at present four other towns or villages. We do not limit ourselves to the township of Pai P'u, but to the territory within this circle. That makes it possible to be back at Pai P'u every evening if so desired.

The kind of work carried on: Throughout the year 1932 our work has consisted primarily in following a regular schedule of itinerating. We tried to reach all important centers in this circle of ten mile radius once a week. There was some street preaching, but the greatest stress was laid on visiting with people in their homes. We aim to have meetings with the people in their homes on Sunday and this year conducted four such meetings with fair regularity. There was a vesper service at Pai P'u every evening, but we consistently refrained from drawing outsiders there.

Just recently I purchased a large tent and hope to conduct evangelistic meetings at all places within our circle. So far three campaigns were held, including one at Jukao in which our entire Pai P'u force took part.



Rev. H. A. Dykstra

Helpers: For a short time during the year I had four helpers. The last part of the year I have carried on with two helpers and find this limited number of workers to fit in better with my plan. The names of these two helpers are: Hsa Kuo Ih and Wu Hsi Tsai, respectively.

The distance of outlying stations: This circle described above reaches to within ten miles of Jukao, touching Rev. De Korne's field on the north, Rev. S. A. Dykstra's field on the northwest, Rev. Smit's field on the southwest and the field of the Christian Mission to the south.

Description of chapels used: We are not using any chapels. The room at Pai P'u is used for the families of the evangelists and by the ladies for Sunday school work. There is \$300 Mex. deposit money on the buildings at Pai P'u and the rent amounts to \$120 Mex. per year. I am authorized to rent another building at San Shih Li (ten miles south of Pai P'u) but the deal has not been concluded.

Other communions working in these places: There are no other communions working in the circle which we claim as our field.

Encouraging and discouraging signs of interest: We are able to carry on unhampered in our coun-

try work. In Pai P'u proper the government school teachers have made work with the children extremely hard. Our biggest difficulty

is in carrying on systematic teaching. They cannot be depended on to come to classes regularly.

HARRY A. DYKSTRA

Miss Bode's Field and Work



Miss Lillian Bode

Jukao is the place where I was privileged to start a Sunday school the first year when in China. This year when coming back from Pai P'u, where people were so afraid of foreigners and those of the "Jesus religion," it seemed like coming home to see the smiling faces of people and children at west gate. Mrs. Ts'en, the city evangelist's wife, who is a seminary graduate, helped start the Sunday school at Jukao. Her health did not permit her to continue it and another Mrs. Ts'en, who had had no schooling, took up the work. This Mrs. Ts'en was en-

gaged at first simply to help in lessons in Chinese conversation and this gradually grew into story-telling and thus she became my helper for two years. This fall she has been ill and unable to help. She was a friendly person and zealous for the Lord and for that reason I did not like to give her up. Her work was carried on by the hospital business manager, Miss Liu, a sister of Miss Ruby Liu but she found her work too crowded and had to give it up, and the same with the nurse who taught some of the time. One of Miss Kalsbeek's girls, so-called, Miss Swen, has helped a good many times. I am again asking the evangelist's wife, Mrs. Ts'en, if she will again take up the work, since her health for the present is much better. She is an older mother and could be a great help to the mothers at the west gate.

Classes in memory work from the Bible were held for boys and girls during the week. These classes at the west gate are held in the chapel of our Jukao hospital.

In September a single worker was stationed at Pai P'u. Miss Luh is a graduate of the Woman's Bible Seminary at Kiangwan, Shanghai. Pai P'u has a large place where the evangelists live and she lives with them. I am at Pai P'u with her four





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days a week and the other three days the evangelists' wives take turns at going out with her as well as Mrs. Tzen, who is a volunteer worker. Miss Luh is a high school graduate also and has taught in schools before going into Christian work.

As yet children's work is very hard, they will come for a time and then parents forbid them to come. Last year we had a good Sunday school, but the teachers of the public schools scared the children and parents so that it all dropped away. We are working at it and hope things will get better. Several girls show interest and we hope for classes with them before long. Sunday school on Sundays and every Monday a class with the evangelists' children which is Scripture memory work mostly and learning of hymns. There are regular devotions every evening with the evangelists' families. A Bible class with evangelists'

wives and Mrs. Tzen once a week. Every morning prayer meeting for women. Miss Luh has spent some time in teaching characters to several women who were especially brave. These characters of course had direct bearing on the gospel.

In the early part of the year Mrs. H. Dykstra went along to Pai P'u very regularly, sometimes even staying over night. She went along in the homes for meetings and also took part in meetings when we had them in the chapel. She has been a great help in the work.

Ling-tz, a village about four miles from Pai P'u, was also visited from time to time. We get to Ling-tz from Pai P'u. There is no chapel at this place. We have had many street meetings here and also in homes. Some work was done in the country, on the way from Pai P'u to Ling-tz, among the farmers.

LILLIAN C. BODE



Group of Inquirers and Christians at Haian



Rev. S. A. Dykstra and Family
(Photo taken while laboring in Canada)

Field and Missionary Work of the Rev. S. A. Dykstra

DESCRIPTION of field, Distances, Rents, Workers, etc:

My field lies to the north of Jukao and to the east along the canal to the sea. North of Jukao we have rented property at Ting Chia So and at Li Pau. Ting Chia So lies ten American miles north of Jukao. Here we have rented the home of a colporteur; deposit money \$300 and

rent 50 cents per month. The name of the colporteur is Poh Kai San. He is selling Bible portions in the surrounding territory and holds a gospel service in his home on Sunday. We have six enquirers here.

Li Pau lies fifteen American miles from Jukao. Here we have rented a home for evangelist Li Chuen Teh; deposit money, \$800, rent \$2 per

month. Mr. Li preaches in one of the rooms of this property on Sunday morning and at Kuan Pah, five miles east from Li Pau, in the afternoon. During the week Mr. Li preaches in the surrounding territory, visits the homes of enquirers and holds Bible classes where possible. Our work here is rewarded by results in the country more than in the city. Especially at Tang Chia Ian and Kuan Pah each three miles distant from Li Pau. In each of these places we have earnest enquirers that seem to be ready for baptism in the near future. In the city we have a few enquirers, but thus far little hope of success. From Li Pau we visit many villages, the larger ones are Ka Ch'ia, Shy ling and Pancha, the latter being a place just in Tung T'ai Shien and even larger than Li Pau.

East of Jukao, at a distance of twenty-five American miles along the canal we have begun work at Ch'a Ho. Here resides Tai Sui Ling who has returned to us from T'ai Chow. On his home we have a deposit of \$700 and a monthly rent of \$2. The work of Mr. Tai

resembles that of Mr. Li. In Ch'a Ho we have the opportunity of preaching in the store of one of the enquirers on the main street. Although there are no other workers in the northern field, in the eastern field we have the Catholics. They have only been there about as long as we have and have as yet made little progress. There are two Christians, one of them faithfully worships with us. They were both baptized in the Baptist church at Chuechiang. We have a number of enquirers but as yet no candidates for baptism.

Continuing along the canal we visit many places, some larger some smaller than Ch'a Ho. The most important are Ts'ao Ch'iau, Mat'ang and Chuechiang. The last named place is forty American miles distant from Jukao. Here we have the home of a colporteur, Poh Ts'uen Iau, deposit \$300, no rent. Here Rome is strong. Our best contacts in this country are ten miles south from this city at Poh Shing Chiau. There we have six earnest enquirers for whom we hold services each Sunday.

S. A DYKSTRA



Temple to the "Earth-god" Near Chuechchiang, China



Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Smit and Children and Chinese Friends and Associates.
Miss Liu in Front on Left.

Rev. A. H. Smit's Field and Work

THE FIELD assigned to me consists of four places and the district surrounding each place: namely, Haian, Tungch'en, Shihchuang and Mot'ou. Haian is about fourteen American miles north of Jukao. Haian itself is not in our Jukao field, but in Taichow Hsien. However, there is an auto road between Jukao and Haian and so the Southern Presbyterian mission of Taichow

agreed to have us work this place and the surrounding district, since it is so much harder for them to get there. The district of Haian includes some 60 to 70,000 people. The place itself is not a walled city, but nevertheless a very busy town. Rev. S. A. Dykstra opened work here in 1927. Later Rev. Dykstra and I exchanged places. Our building in Haian is a rented building, with

\$300 Mex. deposited with the landlord and \$8 a month rent. The front part of the building is fixed up for a meeting place, where we can hold gospel meetings and Bible classes with enquirers. The back part of the building serves as a home for the evangelist living there, Mr. Wang Ai t'ang. Mr. Wang is a graduate of the Nanking Seminary and has been with the mission for about seven years. Our method of work there at the present time is broadcasting the gospel and doing personal work. We have eight baptized Christians and five inquirers and many others whom we visit and who are more or less interested in the gospel. We hold a divine service every Sunday morning with the Christians and inquirers, have Bible classes with them and a Sunday school and hold evangelistic services in the homes of Christians and inquirers.

Tungch'en is only about six American miles from Jukao City. This district has some 50,000 inhabitants. We work not only in this market town, but also in the villages throughout the district. Our building in Tungch'en is owned by the mission. It consists of a residence for an evangelist and a room for meeting place. This room can, however, very easily be converted into an additional room for the evangelist's family. Mr. Li Hsio Pe, the evangelist working in this district is also a graduate of the Nanking Theological Seminary. Our method of work here is in the main the same as in Haian. Although we have no baptized Christians here, there is a Christian farmer living some distance

from the city, who moved in from elsewhere who willingly gives us the use of his home for evangelistic services. We meet there every Sunday morning with this farmer and his neighbors.

There is also an inquirer living in another part of this field who has opened his home to us, and we meet there every Sunday afternoon. The work in the Tungch'en district is greatly hindered by a secret society which has a strong foothold here, and which claims to represent the five great religions of the world. Not that the people are hostile, but we are made to feel that we are superfluous, that they have Christianity and much besides. Although, of course, they have only included Christianity in name. Nevertheless, we are making headway and we have a great many homes where we call regularly and give Christian instruction.

The other place assigned to me is Shihchuang twenty miles south of Jukao City. Here we have rented a building with a deposit of \$400 Mex. and \$2 a month rent. Shihchuang is a large market town and is right at the Yangtze river, only about one mile from a good river port. There is now an auto road between Jukao City and Shihchuang. Shihchuang and the country around it has some 60,000 inhabitants. We have no chapel here, but the building is away from the main street and suitable only for a home. The evangelist in this district is Mr. Chow Feng Wu. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wu are graduates from the Presbyterian Seminary in Shantung. Here we also try to bring

the gospel by going to them, instead of waiting in a chapel for them to come to us. Of course, when people come to the home of the evangelist we welcome them and Mrs. Chow has started a Sunday school in her home for the children of the neighborhood, and also Mr. Chow entertains inquirers in his home when they call, although we stress going out to them.

The last place or center of work is at Mot'ou. This is a very small place about half way between Jukao and Shihchuang on the auto road; that is, about ten miles from the city of Jukao. We have rented two rooms there with a deposit of \$100 and no rent to pay. This is really not a center of work, since we have only placed there a colporteur, Mr. Song len sen. Mr. Song has had no schooling, but has gradually been advanced to his present position. Half of the time he goes through the district of Mot'ou selling gospels, and the other half of his time he spends in the other three centers. The people in this district also are

very friendly, but we have not as yet enrolled any as inquirers.

Now to summarize. I am employing three evangelists and one colporteur. We have no chapels, except in Haian, and are using that in harmony with our new method of work. In the other places we have simply a home for the worker. Haian is fourteen miles north of Jukao City. Tungch'en is six miles southeast, Mot'ou ten miles south and Shihchuang twenty American miles south.

In all these places there are no other communions working. In Haian the Baptists did have a native evangelist for a while, but he has been withdrawn.

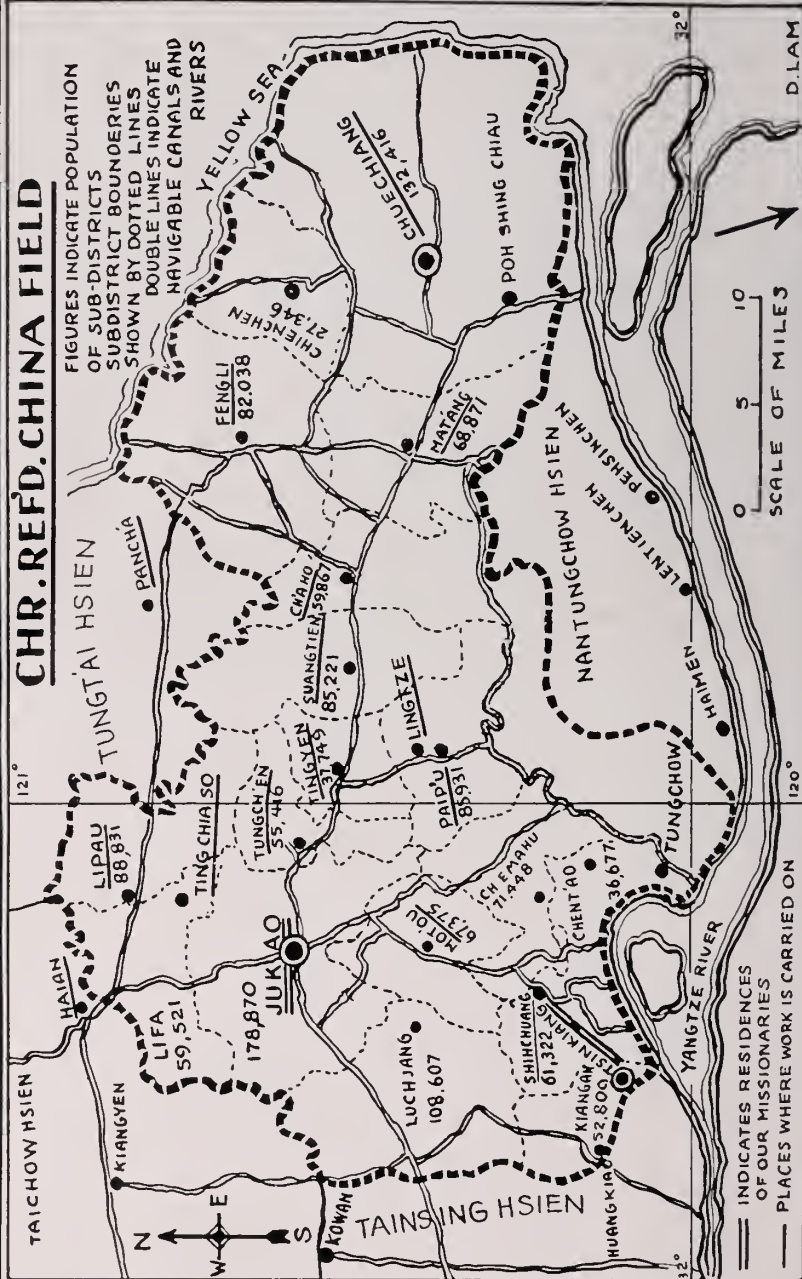
Since we have only recently returned from home, it is difficult for us to say much about the outlook for the future, although we do feel that people are very friendly and there is a wide open door for bringing the gospel in the field I have described.

ALBERT H. SMIT

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow has trod,
That children of men of all stations
May come to the truth of God.

CHR. REF. CHINA FIELD

FIGURES INDICATE POPULATION
OF SUB-DISTRICTS
SUB-DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
SHOWN BY DOTTED LINES
DOUBLE LINES INDICATE
NAVIGABLE CANALS AND
RIVERS



SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI



Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Selles

Rev. A. H. Selles' Field and Work

TSINGKIANG, the most central place in Tsingkianghsien, is located about forty miles from the city of Jukao. The city is located about in the center of the hsien and has about 30,000 inhabitants, about one tenth of the hsien's population.

The work carried on by our workers as well as by ourselves is strictly evangelical and consists of street preaching, personal evangelism, distributing of tracts and the selling of gospel portions. Three evangelists are working under our supervision. These three evangelists are Mr. An Kwan Yung, Yen Cheng Pang and Chü Fang. Since we are trying to do mis-

sion work according to the Nevius method, these three men live in the city of Tsingkiang, each being responsible for a certain district of the field. Outlying 'stations' are still in the making. During the first two months or more that these men have been at work they have visited as many as twenty-eight places outside of the city of Tsingkiang. The distances of these places from the city naturally vary. The most remote places are about fifteen American miles from Tsingkiang.

We use no chapels, only living quarters for the evangelists. Mr. An, who has been given charge of the city work, does use his living room (he has

only three rooms) for worship on Sunday afternoon. At these meetings neighbors gather in such great numbers that many stand outside listening to the preaching of the Word. We find it very easy to get an audience. There are many who come out of curiosity, but there are also some who really desire to know more about the gospel.

The deposit money paid on Mr. An's house is \$60, on Mr. Yen's house \$100, and on the house of Mr. Chü also \$100. On our own residence we also deposited \$100, but through a change in land arrangement \$60 was added.

As to encouraging signs we might mention that in the short time we have been at work there are thirteen who have declared themselves to be ready to receive instruction in the new doctrine. These are rather scattered so that as yet we are not able to form Bible classes. We insist on constant visits to these people and hope that their number may soon increase so that Bible classes may be begun. In the few months we have been active here we have sold over 3,000 gospel portions. Every place we go we get large audiences, on the street, in tea-houses, at market places, at the home of Mr. An—it makes no difference where. Consequently we enjoy our work immensely.

The men working with me seem to have taken interest in this new method of work. The Nevius or Korean method aims at the independence of a Chinese church more than any other method thus far employed in China. There is a good spirit of mutual helpfulness among them. We praise God for the oneness in heart

and mind which makes itself manifest from time to time. If this continues, results are bound to come.

As to other communions there are three: one small Catholic chapel where there formerly used to be about twenty members. At present they claim only five. They have a small school connected with the chapel, but it apparently exerts little religious influence. This school has about thirty pupils. We visited the caretaker. He told us that he was going to leave for the city soon. The most outstanding business people of the little village told us that they did not know that there were any Catholics in the village.

The Seventh Day Adventists also have a representative in this district. They have a few members, totaling about five, mostly drawn away from other denominations. They have a few inquirers, about ten, but located at different places. Their representative also has been visiting us, but there is as yet nothing to draw from.

The Baptists have a small chapel outside of the west gate of the city of Tsingkiang. They once upon a time had close to forty members, but at present number about twenty. This is due mostly to lack of foreign supervision. The Seventh Day Adventists also have drawn a few members away from them. Some members have left for other places. They have about ten inquirers at present. We have been getting along with them amiably. They are of the same mission as that of the south gate in Jukao. Their work also is strictly evangelical.

Respectfully submitted,

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Missions and the Church Paper

The Rev. S. A. Dykstra, when on furlough in this country a few years ago, told a story about a man he met on the train. This man said to him, "Your brother is a missionary in India, is he not?" Rev. Dykstra told this man that he evidently did not read a church paper. If he did, he would have known that both Revs. S. A. Dykstra and his brother, H. A. Dykstra, are missionaries in China.

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